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NEXT BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 9, at 8:00 p. m.
Place: Home of Treasurer Mabel Smith,
5047 Dublin Ave., Oakland, Calif.

M.H.A. JRS. RELAY CHAMPS

Competing against regional winners from all over the state during the Grand National Horse Show at the Cow Palace, the M. H. A. Junior team ran away with the championship trophy. The team: Ronnie Dunniway, Bill Barnard, Ward Gallo, Corinne Smith and Bernie Cummings, with Carolyn Blanche as alternate. Director Kay Walling has been seen walking on air . . . Congratulations!

GRAND FINALE TO BIG YEAR

Bringing the year to a roaring close, the M. H. A. will gather at Palomar Hall, 409 12th St., to dine, dance and have fun—on Saturday night, December 2.

The time: cocktails at 7:00 p. m.

The food: a big, THICK steak and all the fixin's, at 7:30 p. m. sharp.

Decorations: under the direction of Deane Burton and the Lari-ettes, Oakland's famous all-girl riding club.

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The price: a mere \$3.25 for adults, \$2.75 for juniors. Get your tickets through your riding club, or from Bud or Vianne Vogel, care of Sun Electric Corp., 1101 Grove St. Or call Dutch Cummings, at ANdover 1-1455. Bring your friends, reserve a table and join the fun.

There'll be a lot going on — some of it business, all of it pleasure. Past President James A. Myers will report for the Election Committee. He'll open the ballot box, and out will pop the 14 people you elected to the M. H. A. Board of Directors for 1951.

The year's outstanding Junior will receive the award announced at last year's annual dinner: a Visalia headstall and bit from Sheldon Potter.

Maybe retiring President Heber James Brown will make a speech. (If he does, it will be his first of the year. Don't count on it to be a long one.)

Some time during the evening, the newly-elected Directors will retire and choose from their membership the new President and officers for 1951.

Wear whatever you like, but come early because Bud Vogel and the Activities Committee have whipped up lots of preparations for a big night of fun!

Have YOU Sent in Your Nomination for M.H.A. Director?

Who is your candidate for the Board of Directors for 1951? Send your nomination to Election Committee Chairman James A. Myers, 4848 McDonell Ave., Oakland, right away, to be sure of getting the person you want on the ballot.

According to Jim, nominations received after Nov. 20 won't be counted, because the Election Committee has to prepare the ballot and return it to the membership for voting immediately.

Your new Directors will be installed at the Annual Dinner Dance on December 2.

BIG TURNOUT FOR HORSEMEN'S PLAY DAY

Oakland, Oct. 22 — Bud Vogel released his stranglehold on the Weather Man as darkness fell on Play Day, and up popped the rainstorm which had been predicted all weekend.

Play Day brought out seven relay teams — 35 contestants. Pole bending attracted 28 entries. Balloon tag filled the arena; so did musical tires; the jumping classes were better filled than similar events at the Palm Springs Convention.

MAIDEN JUMPERS: (1) Lou Isbell on Sunset; (2) John Shumaker on Barley Bree; (3) Ed Hill on Mio Val.

OPEN JUMPERS: (1) Art Aguiar on Speckle; (2) John Shumaker on Barley Bree; (3) Nancy Luyendyk on Peasant Girl, owned by Oakland Riding Academy.

Jumps were generously provided by Bob Lorimer of The Oakland, who directed the events and arranged for the judging.

BARREL CRAWLING: (1) Hardy Wandesforde; (2) Barbara Dorsey; (3) Bill Nathan.

RELAY RACES: Those old masters and Region 5 champs, the M.H.A. Juniors, took this one: 1.6.2. Riders were Bill Barnard, Bernie Cummings, Ward Gallo, Owen Martin and Ed Silva. (2) Boots & Jeans; (3) a team led by Bucky Johnstone.

POLE BENDING: (1) Louis Barrious; (2) Bernie Cummings; (3) Hardy Wandesforde.

QUADRANGLE STAKE RACE: (1) Hardy Wandesforde; (2) Bucky Johnstone; (3) Lefty Bowers. Juniors under 15: (1) Barbara Dorsey; (2) Larry Adams; (3) Mary Jo Mack.

BALLOON TAG: (1) Joy Wood on her pony, Foxey; (2) Louis Barrious; (3) Bev. Pettibone.

MUSICAL TIRES: (1) Dolly Dias; (2) Bill Barnard; (3) Bev. Pettibone.

SACK PULLING: (1) Lefty Bowers; (2) Larry Adams; (3) Diane Lombardi.

Larm's Feed Store provided a block of salt for each blue ribbon horse.

PLAY DAY COMMITTEES

Active in the arena were timers James A. Myers and Harold Cummings; Vianne Vogel was ribbon clerk; announcer was genial, ad-libbing Ray Theobald; Dutch Cummings and Kay Jones were secretaries; Ed Martin, Louis Albert, Bobbye Stewart, Gus Lombardi, Bill Patten and many more pitched in wherever help was needed. Bob Lorimer managed the jumping classes.

President Heber James Brown celebrated his birthday taking entries and organizing teams; Dave Jones served as gate-man.

The Professional Automotive Service generously provided the loud speaker.

Irene Hinds and Mrs. Hollenbeck were right on the spot to take memberships.

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It may be the last chance of the year for a good trail ride, according to the Boots & Jeans. Certainly it will be one of the top get-togethers of the year, with a trail ride beginning at 9:00 a. m. at Skyline and Redwood Road, and ending at the Orchard picnic grounds in Redwood Regional Park. At the Orchard, plates will be heaped high with bacon and eggs and all the fixin's. Dusty Dale and The Trail Blazers will be there with rollicking western tunes.

The club has made complete plans: a hitching rail will be put up (memo: bring your tie rope). Families, friends and other hungry characters who don't ride may drive straight to the Orchard. Breakfast will be served from 11:00 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. In case of rain, arrangements have been made to eat indoors, so rain or shine, this party is going on!

"Tickets are \$1.75 per person for the works," says new president Harold Cummings, "and you can get them from any Boots & Jeans member, or from your riding stable." Harold and Dutch Cummings and Lefty Bowers head the committee.

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CAMP STONEMAN PARADE, SHOW PLANNED FOR ARMISTICE DAY

Horsemen will entertain service men at Camp Stoneman on Sunday, Nov. 12, at an invitational Armistice Day Horse Cavalcade and Show, according to Louis Albert, chairman. A great parade of mounted groups and individual entries will precede the show. Officials of the event include George Walling, manager, Merritt Herrick, ringmaster; Don Marquis, ring steward; and Truman Brown, gateman.

ENGLISH AND WESTERN SHOW AT OAKLAND RIDING ACADEMY

A feature of the open horse show at Bob Lorimer's stables on Nov. 5, weather permitting, will be a hobby horse class, open to both English and Western mounts. Horses are timed over a course, and judged for slowest time at a lope or canter; either loose rein or on the bit. There are classes for saddlebreds, thoroughbreds, hunters and jumpers. The musical tires class is somewhat restricted, permitting no riders over 60 years of age.

Bob has done a splendid good-neighbor job all year, sandwiching his shows in between M. H. A. and other competing events. Good luck on this one!

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CSHA CONVENTION — IT'S FRESNO IN '51

Swimming pools and ice cubes took priority at the Palm Springs Convention as the temperature reached a 30-year high. Great credit is due the state officers, horse show committee members and exhibitors, who managed to maintain some degree of calm, good cheer and efficiency through the sweltering days.

M. H. A. Delegates

M. H. A. delegates to the business meetings, named by President Heber James Brown, were Si Simons, Kay Walling, John Thiel, Burton Thomas, Deane Burton, Mrs. Joe Stern and Mrs. Dave Jones. Regrettably, Heber himself was unable to be present, due to the death of his father in Salt Lake.

Convention business: Fresno was named convention city for 1951, with San Jose in the running for 1952.

Dr. Daniels President

Dr. Roger Daniels of Sacramento was unanimously named President, to succeed Fred Anderson of Oakland. Daniels served as Treasurer this past year; he will be remembered for a good job as Convention Chairman in 1949. Secretary will continue to be Ray Stone.

Two new regions were added within the state, by splitting one large northern and one large southern region.

Second Vice-Presidents

A resolution was adopted asking each region to elect a Second Vice-President. With only one state officer in each region, illness or a change in business or residence has too frequently left a region without leadership in the past.

Shipping Tariffs

A proposal asking for just and equal transportation charges for horses and equipment, sponsored by the Footprinters Mounted Unit, Oakland, was adopted.

There were some disappointments: despite the desire of many horsemen, breeders and clubs (including the M. H. A.), it was not found possible to hold breeding classes and quarterhorse races at Palm Springs. With more facilities available in Fresno, it may be expected that these important classifications will again appear.

The Yearbook and Program was a splendid innovation, containing a page of pictures of champions for each region, and a list of horsemen's organizations in that area.

Lariettes, Shrine Mounted Patrol, Grondonas, Parade Winners

The Lariettes were named best mounted women's group against tough competition. Unwilling to take their own horses so great a distance, they rented horses locally (speaks well for their horsemanship, and for the Smoke Tree Ranch horses). They were also third largest mounted uniformed group, and third "Coming Farthest Distance."

Best Working Outfit, woman: Mrs. Walter Grondona; Best Parade Horse, man: Don Nicholson on Jubilee Gold; Best Silver Mounted Group, Aahmes Shrine Mounted Patrol; second place for Best Mounted Men's Group: color guard of the Mounted Footprinters; third place for Best Working Outfit, boy under 17: Walter Grondona, Jr.

PALM SPRINGS SHOW WINNERS

Oakland horsemen were well represented in the many classifications at the Blue Ribbon Horse Show. The CSHA magazine will carry complete results. Local Juniors placed well, with Walleen Grondona the champion in Children's English Mounts, riding Corinne Smith's Bengal Tiger; Pat Rukavina second on Deane Burton's Idiot's Delight. Children's Western Mounts brought Walleen in first on Golden Cloud, and Pat second on Chip.

Jim Myers' Smoky, unmindful that his age was listed as 17, placed fourth in pole bending against some speedy quarterhorses; Corinne Smith was loaded with ribbons for English and pairs classes.

Region 5 brought home the championship Junior Drill Team—the Concord Flying Horsemen: a scrubbed, pressed, polished and shining outfit.

The exhibition roping by Jose de la Torre, well known to Harry Rowell's rodeo followers and to friends at Skyline Ranch, was a revelation to the Palm Springs audience.

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YEAR-END NEWS DUE

Trail Blazer's grand staff of reporters, here's a reminder: by the time you read this, copy for the last issue of the year will be due. A re-cap of the year's activities, dates of future events, reports and comments are all welcome. So, too, are suggestions for next year's Editor and staff to consider. Send your news to Kay Jones, 51 Barbara Rd., Orinda.

Dorothy Tarr Shows Colt

At Charlie Hall's horse show recently, at the Graham-Redwood Stables, Dorothy Tarr (of "Coronas by Dot") showed her new palomino colt, and carried off a ribbon. He's out of Tera, sired by Don Keno, reserve champion palomino of the 1948 Blue Ribbon Horse Show. He has poked his head into our cover picture this month.

Mary Dailey in Accident

Miss Mary Dailey, long time Horsemen's Affairs Secretary to retiring CSHA President Fred Anderson, was not in her usual place on the platform at the Palm Springs convention.

Stopping in San Jose to take a short trail ride with friends, Mary was thrown and trampled. Result: broken collar bone and ribs, and a long stretch in hospital. The M. H. A. joins with Fred and Madeline Anderson, and with the convention delegates, in wishing Mary a quick and complete recovery.

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NEW JUNIORS

Mary Ann Eberts	Judy Hart
Dee L. Gibson	

HORSE-SCOPE OF MEMBERS

GEORGIA SCHNEIDER of Berkeley is interested in sculpture and riding. She serves on the Trail Blazer art staff.

HANK ZABAN rides with Aahmes Shrine Mounted Patrol; finds that his pinto, King, responds well to a southern accent. Although it's Hank's first season in a western saddle, he'll enter most anything but a jumping class, and usually comes out, dazed but happy, with a trophy or a ribbon.

EDITH AND ED CAIN live in San Leandro and have two horses. They recently returned from a drive through the East, combining horse-hunting and fun. Although Edith is an ex-polo player, both now ride Western. Ed is in charge of automotive power for Southern Pacific. (Hint to committee chairmen: you'll find them enthusiastic workers.)

MABEL HOWER, Secretary of Boots & Jeans, gets our apologies. Her name *isn't* Myrtle, and how did we ever get so mixed up?

JOHN PRESTON is Purchasing Agent for the City of Piedmont. His grey hunter is named Shadow Box.

D. E. WISE has a dandy horse called Trigger—not Roy's—and goes in for eating and sleeping!

LARRY FOX has been President of his class at Lincoln School.

JACK BEALS, 12, would like to serve on Trails Committee; attends Claremont Junior High School.

Connie Reynolds, 10th grade at Berkeley High, likes all sports, dancing and music.

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Horseman Jack Richards of the Humane Society reports:

"We have recently created two new State Humane Officers in the hill district, who are first-class horsemen with lots of background and experience. They will do their best to look after the general humane welfare of the animals, and also the welfare of the people of the hill area.

"You have asked for horsemen for Humane Officers. We would like to know how you like these men."

Commenting further, Richards states that too many persons who own their own horses "have the mistaken idea that by owning an animal they may mistreat it as they see fit." He urges horse owners to "set a good example for the new rent rider who is ignorant of proper horsemanship."

Mistreatment of horses has become so prevalent, according to the Humane Society, that horse owners should be reminded of Penal Code No. 597, under which prosecutions are made.

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M. H. A. JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

The triumph of the M. H. A. Relay Team at the Cow Palace (see page 3) wrote a happy ending to Juniors' horse activities for the season.

A big "thank you" is due the Mothers and Dads, the Wallings, Communigses, Lombardi's and many more good friends for their help and support during the year.

Many Juniors have participated in recent horse shows with success: at Palm Springs, where Walleen Grondona, Pat Rukavina, Corinne Smith and Bill Barnard took ribbons in tough competition; at the Graham-Redwood Stable's show, at M. H. A. Field Day and at the Cow Palace.

On the social side, there is talk of a Thanksgiving party, with details to be announced later. Reservations for Juniors at the M. H. A. dinner dance of December 2 are \$2.75 each (adults, \$3.50).

Rosalie Cox has invited the Juniors to hold their meeting at her home on Saturday, November 4.

GEORGE WALLING REGIONAL V. P.

George Walling was unanimously nominated Region 5 Vice-President of C. S. H. A., at the Region 5 dinner meeting in October. Delegates at Palm Springs stamped their approval, also unanimously. (George, who was Ringmaster there, was almost too busy to go and hear himself elected.)

The dinner meeting, held at The Wilhows, was all that outgoing Vice-President Joe Massone promised and more—a grand time. It was good to see State Secretary Ray Stone there, and past Vice-President Don Nicholson.

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After supper, the barn loft was cleared and John Preston led the group in dancing the hokey pokey, the schottische, as well as other modern and folk dances.

Host and hostess Burl and Lillian Tatum, as well as the guests, report that a wonderful time was had by all.

GRAHAM'S REDWOOD STABLES

Tommy Kirby invited seven friends to join him in celebrating his seventh birthday on October 3rd. Highlight of the afternoon was a game of cowboys on horseback. Those present, all playmates from Orinda, were Sandy Corvett, Darrell Courtright, Roger Hoyer, Dennis Mulhall, Garry Swedberg, Kit von Guenther and Johnnie Walker. Also present were Tommy's mother, Peggie Kirby, Lloyd Graham and — presiding over still another generation of young horsemen, Grandmother Graham.

According to Ethel Johnson, the Breakfast Ride of the Bridoons on October 1 was a high point for that happy group. They took a long trail ride, enjoying the beautiful views from the top of Oakland's hills, followed by breakfast and dancing at The Round-Up. Mrs. Johnson, in a let-

ter to Miss Graham from the Bridoons, said: "Your consideration in mounting the riders according to their ability is a great factor in making the rides enjoyable. Your horses are well-mannered and dependable and it is a pleasure to ride them."

DIRECTORS TO MEET NOV. 9

Treasurer Mabel Smith has invited the Board of Directors to hold the next meeting at her new home at 5047 Dublin Avenue, Oakland, on Thursday, Nov. 9, at 8 p. m. Those who have not yet visited this jewel of a house will welcome the opportunity to accept Mabel's hospitality; those who have seen it know the difficulty they'll have in settling down to business.

NEW CLUB, EDEN HORSEMEN, SPONSOR REGIONAL MEET

First Region 5 meeting of the new year will be held on Friday night, Jan. 26, 1951, at Our House, 14874 East 14th St. Cocktails at 7:00 p. m., dinner at 8:00 sharp. There will be entertainment and a lot of fun, according to Helen Rocchi, who is taking reservations. (\$2.00 each. Call LUCerne 1-8755.)

This new riding club, dedicated to fun and good horsemanship, already has 50 members. Mary Richards was its delegate to the Palm Springs Convention. Manager of the Club is Helen Rocchi. Members are currently busy promoting the acquisition of the Grass Valley property for the East Bay Regional Park District.

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JUNIORS AT CRESSMOUNT

Shongehon's fall activities began with a trail ride on Sept. 3, followed by a business and dinner meeting at the home of Miss Cornelia Cress. Officers were elected, as follows: president, Joanne Schetter; secretary, Peggy Day; treasurer, Nina Curley; scrapbook manager, Linda Lorimer; publicity, Ann Burnham.

Committee chairmen and officials for the Shongehon Junior Show of Oct. 22 were: trophies, Sandra Sheldon; officials, Joyce Williams; tickets, Bonnie Bothwell; boxes, Linnell Powell; Shongehon Tavern, Ann Markovitz and Fanny Hall; guest riders, Nina Curley; posters, Susan Tucker; dinner, Jackie Pickler and Nina Curley; judges, Barbara Bangs; publicity, Ann Burnham; announcer, Bob McCarty; ring clerk, Mary Alice Turner; paddock clerk, Sally Moyer; assistant judge, Betty Yaw; trophy presentations, Susan Curley; tickets, Mrs. Don Blessing; number clerk, Mary Lewis; and programs, Linda Willoby.

CRESSMOUNT RIDERS' RALLY

The Third Annual Riders' Rally was held at Cressmount on Oct. 8, at the outdoor ring and the Upson Downs Jumping Course. All groups—Bit & Spur, Shongehon, Subalterns, Saddle Bags and Upson Downs—were represented, with members of St. Francis Riding Club as guests for the day. Points were accumulated for the various events. Cressmount riders were announced as victors.

Officials were: announcer, Woodrow Hanson; ring clerks, Alice Holbrook and Mary Gale; paddock clerks, Muriel Ratcliff and Jerry Hansen; ribbon clerks, Mrs. W. H. Ratcliff and Mrs. E. W. Jones; music clerk, Mary Lewis.

Morning events began at 10:00 a. m., luncheon was served under the direction of Mesdames Harold Schutte, F. G. Taylor and D. S. Tucker.

Afternoon events were judged by Mrs. Floyd B. Hart of Sacramento and Wallace Nall, Jr., of San Francisco. Miss Cornelia Cress and Mary Lou Hansen directed the show.

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At the Thompson's stable on Brunnell Drive: Inez has registered at the University of California, but still finds time to take charge of her horses. Inez handled an emergency well recently as little sister Rosalie, riding bareback, was thrown to the pavement when "Magic" was frightened by a dog. Inez was at home alone, but took Rosalie to Oak Knoll Hospital. She has recovered safely.

At the Paul's, Stew has returned from a three-months' business trip to New York City, and we may expect to see Blanche and Stew with their two fine saddlebreds on the trails again.

Bea McKechnie's saddlebred colt took first in the breeding class for yearlings at the Santa Cruz County Fair in Watsonville, while Rythm, the mother, placed second in the class for four-year-olds and over. Bea enjoyed the Fair: "A beautiful spot it was," she says.

Osa Harper has been helping people along with their horses. An excellent horsewoman who has been riding in the Oakland hills a long, long time, she loves to ride difficult horses, either to exercise or manner them.

From the Two-Bit Stables, Tedda Beyler writes: "Dick Beyler has a horse of his own, finally: a buckskin quarter mare from Trinity Co., named Trinity Rheba. She is expecting a colt in the spring, by Jeff McCue.

"I have a thoroughbred mare, Chiquita (bay, 4 yrs.) from the Spanish Bit Ranch in Bella Vista, where I have been visiting recently. Visiting me at present is Billie Ullrich of the Spanish Bit Ranch. We have been 'horse hunting' at the different barns around the Bay area. Bobby Sox now lives on a ranch, and Whata Storm is looking for a new owner."

Paul Krause, who spent many months at Oak Knoll Hospital, now has his home and stable at 5100 Leona St., where his horse, Rockie and Larry Brock's horse, Dandy, are kept.

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SHRINE MOUNTED PATROL

The Patrol spent an enjoyable time with the Castro Valley Wranglers at their recent show. The Wranglers presented the Patrol with a trophy upon which were engraved the names of all members of the drill team—an award all the more appreciated for the thoughtful planning that provided it.

In the pinto class competition of Castro Valley, Dave Jones' King Jasper placed second, Joe Young's Mucho Grande was third, and Hank Zaban's King fifth. In parade class, Mucho Grande was third, and King fourth. In matched pairs, Pedro, owned and ridden by Capt. Floyd Jacobs, and Serenade, owned by Henry Gede and ridden by Si Simons, were second. Larry Adams' Lady and Mrs. Colonel Adams' Canella placed fourth.

The Patrol was awarded first place in the Columbus Day parade in San Francisco, for Best Mounted Unit.

At the Palm Springs California State Horsemen's Assn. Convention, the mounted patrol for the third year took the trophy for Best Silver-Mounted Unit, but lost the title of State Champion Drill Team to the Rock 'N' Ride Club of El Cajon.

Our congratulations to the ladies. They gave an outstanding performance and are worthy champions.

OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT MOUNTED DIVISION

Naturally, much of the instruction given the Mounted Division has nothing to do with horses. However, two of the instructors, Capt. Cline and Inspector Joe Lawrence, were provided with mounts and invited on a ride recently, with Captain Harry Peckham, Jimmie Kesey, Mitch Robbins and F. M. McNamara.

The ride began at 6:00 a. m. at Piedmont stables, and continued over the hills for some 15 miles. Breakfast seemed far away. Muscles began to ache. Promising quick relief, Capt. Peckham set out on the double, leading his party over cut-offs and down jump-offs that did nothing for an empty stomach or screaming muscles. At last they dropped down to The Big Bear. Visions of steaming coffee and heaping platters of food floated like a mirage before the riders' weary, staring eyes.

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ADD GRASS VALLEY TO THE REGIONAL PARKS!

While negotiations toward bringing Grass Valley into the Regional Park District have reached only the exploratory stage, tours of the area have been made recently by representatives of the East Bay Municipal Utilities District with Richard E. Walpole, Manager of East Bay Regional Parks, Wesley Adams, Superintendent of Redwood Regional Parks, and officials of local horsemen's organizations.

The proposed park would serve residents of Southern Alameda County, including Castro Valley, Hayward and San Leandro as well as East Oakland. Through this park, it would be possible to ride from Lake Chabot over the hills to Central Wildcat Canyon in Tilden Park, almost entirely on protected woodland trails.

It is possible that the Utilities District would look favorably upon negotiating the sale soon if enough people and organizations let it be known that they favored it. Favorable action would obviously be stimulated, too, should the Hayward and Castro Valley areas vote to join the Regional Park district—since this new park would be so accessible to them.

While youth organizations, parent-teacher groups, hiking clubs and many others will benefit through acquisition of this property, horsemen will rejoice particularly at the prospect of fine, new trails. Many have made organized rides through this region at some time: for instance, the M. H. A. overnight ride last spring, and the similar trek by the Castro Valley Horsemen this summer. Many old timers, too, know the trails well and appreciate their beauty.

Let's all get together and talk up the proposed park, let it be known that we definitely want it, and the quicker the better. Let's do all we can to secure this vital addition to one of the most beautiful park systems in the nation.

(And by the way, a postcard to the East Bay Regional Park District, 6500 Broadway, Oakland, will bring you pictures—and MAPS—of the regional parks.)

SEE YOU AT THE DINNER DANCE

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